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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/521,504 : DECISION

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Attorney's Docket No.: 01641/000L589-USO

For: CATADIOPTRIC MULTI-MIRROR SYSTEMS

FOR PROJECTION LITHOGRAPHY

This decision is in response to applicants' "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt" filed 01 February 2006 (and resubmitted on 27 April 2006) seeking correction of the application title. No petition fee is required.

BACKGROUND

On 17 July 2002, applicants filed international application PCT/US02/22766. The application designated the United States, and it did not claim an earlier priority date. The deadline for payment of the basic national fee was thirty months after the international filing date, i.e. 17 January 2005. The title set forth on the published international application is "Catadioptric Multi-Mirror Systems For Projection Lithography."

On 11 January 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, among other materials, payment of the basic national fee and an Application Data Sheet (ADS). The title set forth on the ADS is the same as that set forth on the published international application, that is, "Catadioptric Multi-Mirror Systems For Projection Lithography."

On 28 July 2005, applicants filed an executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497. The title on the declaration differed slightly from the title on the ADS and the international application. Specifically, the title set forth on the declaration is "Catadioptric Multi-Mirror Optical Systems For Projection Lithography."

On 24 January 2006, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a Notification Of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) were satisfied as of 28 July 2005.

Also on 24 January 2006, the USPTO issued a filing receipt. The filing receipt identified the title of the present application as "Catadioptric Multi-Mirror Systems For Projection Lithography," that is, the title listed on the ADS and on the published international application.

On 01 February 2006, applicants filed the request for corrected filing receipt considered herein (the request was resubmitted on 27 April 2006). The request asks that the title on the filing receipt be corrected to "Catadioptric Multi-Mirror Optical Systems For Projection Lithography," that is, the title listed on the declaration filed 28 July 2005.

DISCUSSION

Section 1893.03(e)(1) of the Manual Of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) states the following regarding the title in U.S. national stage applications:

[T]he Office will normally use the title of the invention indicated on the cover page of the publication as the title of the national stage application that will appear on the filing receipt. The cover page will include an English translation of the title if the international application was published in a foreign language. See PCT Rule 48.3 (c). Applicants desiring to have the filing receipt reflect a title that is different than the English language title appearing on the cover page must submit either a preliminary amendment amending the title or an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.76) with the desired title.

Here, as set forth in the MPEP, the USPTO has properly assigned the national stage application the "title of the invention indicated on the cover page of the publication" and in the "application data sheet." The title set forth in the filing receipt mailed 24 January 2006 is therefore proper and correction thereof would not be appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' request for a corrected filing receipt is **DISMISSED** without prejudice. The title of record remains "Catadioptric Multi-Mirror Systems For Projection Lithography," the title listed by applicants on the ADS filed herein and set forth on the published international application.

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